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Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection 401 East State Street PO Box 420, Mail Code 401-02C Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Re:

**Quarterly Progress Report – Third Quarter 2020** 

Closure Approval No. LCB190001

Facility No. 132708

IAOC C1 Ground Water and Soil Remediation Projects

Former Tank 319 Waterfront Landfill Area (IAOC C1) - Block 586, Lot 17

Bayway Refinery Complex

1400 Park Avenue

City of Linden, Union County, New Jersey

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of ExxonMobil Environmental and Property Solutions Company (ExxonMobil), Kleinfelder, Inc. (Kleinfelder) is submitting this Quarterly Progress Report in accordance with the above-referenced Closure and Post-Closure Plan Approval. This approval was obtained in support of the construction of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) approved remedial actions for ground water and soil in the area known as the Former Tank 319 Waterfront Landfill Area (Investigative Area of Concern [IAOC] C1) at the Bayway Refinery Complex (BRC) in Linden, New Jersey.

### Introduction

The portion of the BRC known as IAOC C1 encompasses approximately 18 acres in total. While this entire area is referred to as the Former Tank 319 Waterfront Landfill Area, the area of historic waste deposition, or landfill limit, is bound by the gravel perimeter road within IAOC C1 and totals approximately 11 acres. To facilitate the start of construction, the NJDEP-approved remedial actions for IAOC C1 were permitted separately as the IAOC C1 Ground Water and IAOC C1 Soil Remediation Projects.

The primary components of the IAOC C1 Ground Water Remediation Project include the construction of a steel sheet pile barrier wall between the border of IAOC C1 and Morses Creek, and the installation of a ground water recovery system designed to maintain hydraulic control across IAOC C1. The hydraulic control system consists of vertical recovery wells within IAOC C1 that will connect via subsurface piping to an equipment container to be located outside the limits of the former landfill unit. The IAOC C1 Soil Remediation Project involves the construction of a vegetated soil cover system over the limits of the Former Tank 319 Waterfront Landfill to provide protection from direct contact with contaminants in surficial soils and to formally close the landfill unit in accordance with the New Jersey Solid Waste Regulations.

Although construction activities were initiated in the fourth quarter of 2019, excavation work within the limits of the former landfill unit did not begin until late February 2020. As required by the original Disruption Approval<sup>1</sup>, the Bureau of Solid Waste Compliance and Enforcement was notified via telephone on February 20, 2020, prior to the initiation of excavation activities within the former landfill unit. Quarterly Progress Reports have been submitted to the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste since this date, with this report summarizing activities completed through September 30, 2020.

## **Progress Summary**

The current statuses of the IAOC C1 Ground Water and Soil Remediation Projects are summarized in the following sections.

### IAOC C1 Ground Water Remediation Project

Construction of the ground water remedial action was initiated in late 2019. Figure 1 is a plan view of the IAOC C1 area that depicts the IAOC C1 boundaries, the limits of the former landfill unit, and the proposed locations of the ground water remedial action components listed above. Where applicable, the construction status of the various components is also highlighted or otherwise indicated. Figure 1 does not reflect as-built conditions. For reference, the information provided on Figure 1 reflects the status of all proposed ground water remedial action construction activities within IAOC C1, including activities within and outside of the landfill limits.

Construction activities associated with the IAOC C1 Ground Water Remediation Project were limited during the third quarter. In addition, efforts were focused on work zones outside of IAOC C1 that are not directly associated with the Disruption and Closure Approvals. No intrusive activities were completed within the landfill boundaries during the third quarter. Stockpile areas maintained in IAOC C1 were seeded at the start of the temporary stand-down, and weekly Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SPPP) inspections were completed throughout the reporting period.

The activities completed or in progress through September 30, 2020 are summarized as follows:

- Clearing and grubbing within the limits of disturbance (LOD) shown on the plans is complete, and material stockpiles have been established.
- Soil erosion and sediment control (SESC) measures have been implemented in accordance with the certified SESC Plan (No. 2018-3391).
- Construction stormwater is being managed and the SESC measures continue to be maintained and inspected per the SESC Plan requirements, the certified SPPP, and Individual Stormwater Permit Authorization No. NJ0297755.
- The IAOC C1 steel sheet pile wall, which is located outside of the limits of the former landfill, is installed in its entirety (approximately 575 linear feet). Following advancement, the tops of the sheets were cut to a consistent elevation just below existing grade and backfilled.
- Wells GMW-26, RW-C1, RW-C3, RW-C4, and RW-C5 were properly abandoned.
- Drilling is complete for all 12 proposed IAOC C1 recovery wells, identified as RW-C1R, RW-C3R, RW-C4R, RW-C5R, and RW-C6 through RW-C13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Disruption Approval No. LCA180001 was obtained to facilitate the start of the IAOC C1 Ground Water Remediation Project and was superseded by Closure and Post-Closure Plan Approval No. LCB190001 issued on August 27, 2020.

- Drilling is complete for seven of the proposed ground water monitoring wells, including GMW-726 through GMW-731, and GMW-734.
- Trenching and piping activities are ongoing, with approximately 1,250 linear feet of shallow trenches excavated to depths of up to approximately 48 inches below current grade. Trench excavation depths vary and are designed to allow the top of the piping to be installed at a minimum depth of approximately 36 inches (i.e., the frost line) below final grade. The final grade takes into account cut and fill activities associated with the final cover system to be installed as part of the IAOC C1 Soil Remediation Project. Pipe bedding material was placed in a portion of the trenches, but no piping has been installed as of September 30, 2020.
- Construction dewatering has been completed on an as-needed basis, with recovered ground water transported to the BRC's onsite wastewater treatment plant. Stormwater that has contacted potentially impacted material (e.g., stormwater accumulating within the stockpile area) has also been recovered and transported to the wastewater treatment plant for treatment and disposal.
- Backfill materials have been imported, including sand, rock screenings, dense graded aggregate (DGA), and clean stone or gravel. All imported materials have met the NJDEP's clean fill requirements and have been sourced from licensed quarries. Documentation has been obtained from the quarries to certify that the materials were sourced from virgin materials/locations, free from contamination, and have not been subjected to discharges of hazardous substances at any time. Contractor quality control (QC) testing results have also been provided by the remedial contractor in accordance with project specifications. The fill material certifications, QC testing results, and weight tickets for each truck of material delivered to the site are maintained in the project files.

# IAOC C1 Soil Remediation Project

Construction of the final cover system for the former IAOC C1 landfill area has not been initiated as of the date of this report. With the issue of the Closure and Post-Closure Plan Approval dated August 27, 2020, permitting for the project is complete. Construction is anticipated to begin during the first quarter of 2021.

### Closing

If there are any questions regarding the remedial construction progress summary presented herein or the proposed remediation activities, please do not hesitate to contact Matt Kuchta of Kleinfelder at mkuchta@kleinfelder.com or (609) 631-1831.

### **List of Attachments**

Figure 1 – IAOC C1 Ground Water Remediation Project Summary as of September 30, 2020

# **Engineer's Certification**

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals under my supervision, I believe the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. Furthermore, I certify that all fill materials accepted at the site for any purpose were weighed and in compliance with the requirements outlined in the NJDEP's Fill Material Guidance for SRP Sites, and that all provisions and prohibitions of the disruption approval were complied with during disruption activities. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.

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## Limitations

Kleinfelder performed the services for this project under the Enabling Agreement with Procurement, a division of ExxonMobil Global Services Company (signed on November 28, 2012). Kleinfelder states that the services performed are consistent with professional standard of care defined as that level of services provided by similar professionals under like circumstances. This report is based on the regulatory standards in effect on the date of the report. It has been produced for the primary benefit of ExxonMobil Global Services Company and its affiliates.

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